

Today's
Advertisements.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 23rd December, 1899, at 11 o'clock, at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2, Nos. 1-200, at 11 o'clock A.M., Nos. 201-500, at 2.30 P.M., AN INVOICE OF

TOYS, DOLLS AND FANCY GOODS.

Comprising—DOLLS, MECHANICAL TOYS, SWINGS, GAMES, TINWARE, MAGIC LANTERNS, SWORDS, GUNS, WHIPS, STEAMBOATS, LOCOMOTIVES, STEAM ENGINES, &c., &c.

Also—Ladies and Gents' TRAVELLING BAGS, PURSES, FEATHER FANS, &c., &c., &c. A Fine Chance for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!!

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

PAUL BREWITT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592a]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

FRIDAY, the 29th December, 1899,

at 2.45 P.M.,

At No. 9, Queen's Garden, Peak Road.

(The Residence of G. C. Cox, Esq.)

THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—

SILK TAPESTRY & PLUSH COVERED

DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAK OVER-

MANTLES, CHIFFONIER, JAPANESE

CABINETS, CANTON BLACKWOOD

TABLES AND STOOLS, CARPETS, RUGS,

AND LACE CURTAINS, &c., &c.

TEAK SIDEBOARD WITH MIRROR,

DINNER WAGGONS, DINING TABLE

AND CHAIRS, OIL-PAINTINGS, FINE

ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS, GLASS

AND CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, GAS

FITTINGS, &c., &c.

Double and Single BRASS MOUNTED

BEDSTEADS, TEAK WARDROBE WITH

MIRROR, DUCHESSE TOILET TABLE,

MARBLE TOP WARDROBES, TOILET

SETS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, CHAIRS,

TABLES, FENDERS & COALSUTTLERS,

&c., &c.

COOKING RANGE AND UTENSILS.

TENNIS NET AND POLES, 1 Lot

WIRE NETTING.

Also—

COTTAGE PIANO by RACHALS (in good

Condition).

On View from THURSDAY, the 28th Dec.

TERMS—As customary.

Catalogues will be issued.

GEO. A. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1593a]

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

IN Aid of the SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,

an ASSOCIATION MATCH, CIVIL-

LIANS v. ARMY AND NAVY, will be played

on SATURDAY, the 30th December, 1899, at

Four o'clock.

ADMISSION.

For each Person of either sex. Admission

to Ground—Ten cents. Tickets may be ob-

tained on the Ground. For Admission to

Grand Stand—Price Fifty cents. Reserved

Seats—One Dollar each, may be obtained on

and after WEDNESDAY, the 27th December, at

Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.

Member's Tickets of Admission to the Club

Grand Stand will be suspended for the 30th

December.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1594a]

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

A

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT

will be given on

SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1900,

in the

THEATRE ROYAL,

at 9 P.M.

In Aid of the

SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,

Under the Patronage of

H.E. Sir HENRY & Lady BLAKE,

H.E. Major-General & Mrs. GASCOIGNE,

Commanders & Mrs. POWELL,

and all the

Leading Citizens.

The Booking Office at CITY HALL will be

OPEN on WEDNESDAY, the 27th December,

at 10 A.M. ADMISSION \$3 all over the House.

The ENTERTAINMENT will be repeated

on WEDNESDAY, the 10th January. AD-

mission \$2. Dress Circle, 1st to 5th, 10s.

Soldiers, Sailors, Police and Volunteers in

Uniform Half-price.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1595a]

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Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 23rd

instant, at 2.45 P.M.

Rangas—200, 500 and 600 yards.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592b]

WANTED.

TWO GENTLEMEN in the country desire

to once a CHINESE TEACHER for

the CANTONESE DIALECT.

Replies stating Salary expected to be ad-

dressed to

"O.A.L."

Care of This Paper.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the

above Port, on SUNDAY, the 24th instant,

at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592d]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLUS,"

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above

on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592e]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above

on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592f]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

SHERRIES.

Per Doz.

Case.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY,

dinner wine, Green Seal

Capsule - - - - - \$10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE

NATURAL SHERRY, White

Capsule - - - - - 12.00

CC.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY,

PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red

Seal Capsule - - - - - 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD

PALE DRY, choice old wine,

White Seal Capsule - - - - - 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD

PALE DRY, very finest quality,

Black Seal Capsule (Old

Bottled) - - - - - 20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner

Wines and suitable for invalids and

delicate stomachs. D and E are

after-dinner Wines of a very superior

vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-

ties will be supplied at proportionate

wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and

Spirits to be genuine when bought

direct from us in the Colony or from

our authorised Agents at the Coast

Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Legislative Council met yesterday

and got through its programme in its usual

languid fashion. The Acting Attorney General

languidly moved, and the Colonial Treasurer

perky seconded certain readings and certain

amendments. The Colonial Secretary, the

only personage in the assembly who did not

look as if he were at a funeral, laid a paper

or two on the table and interposed a cheery

remark or two during the course of the

afternoon. His Excellency the Governor,

in reply to Dr. Ho Kai, gave an explanation,

about which we shall have something to say

later on, in his customary doleful fashion.

The news from the Cape has been, perhaps,

too much for him. The rest of the Official

Automata said "aye" when the wires were

pulled but in the intervals sat like dummies

they are not showing—even by their faces,

that they took the faintest interest in what

was going on. Mr. WHITEHEAD was absent.

Mr. CHARTERIS reserved any remarks he had

to make for the next meeting of the Execu-

tive Council, his appointment to which has

utterly destroyed his utility as a representa-

tive man in the more popular assembly. His

constituents should call on him for resigna-

tion. He has gone over in all things to the

Government.

A Bill to amend the Companies Ordinance

was read a second time. It re-enacts in this

Colony the provisions of a recent Imperial

Act, empowering the Courts to protect share-

holders from the consequences of any failure

to duly register agreements authorising the

issue of fully paid up shares in companies for

other than a cash consideration, and otherwise

improves the company law of the Colony.

The Dangerous Goods Ordinance was also

read a second time and passed through

Committee. The Government—we cannot

say the Council—has adopted the suggestion

made by the Chamber of Commerce and

thereby very considerably improved the Bill.

The next Bill laid before the Council for

its second reading—An Ordinance to provide

for the summoning of Chinese before the

Registrar General—is a most unconstitu-

tional extension of the powers of the Govern-

ment and if, passed, become in the

hands of our zealous—we won't say unscrupu-

lous—officials a most dangerous instrument

for the oppression of the Chinese. It

authorises the Registrar General to summon

before him any Chinese—British subjects or

native born—whom he may think fit and to

compel them to come before him, and to

give him any information he may require, on

any subject with reference to which he may

be directed by the Governor to make

enquiry. It vests in the Registrar General

all the powers of the Supreme Court,

including the power to punish summarily for

perjury, or for refusal to answer, or to produce

books or papers. Dr. Ho Kai saw some of

the dangers to which the Chinese became

exposed if such a Bill became law and op-

posed it as a piece of class legislation and in

its very nature unconstitutional; he asked

for a period of limitation to be inserted in

the Bill and that the Governor should pro-

mise that it shall be worked with every care

and consideration. The Governor assented

to all Dr. Ho Kai's remarks but went on to

explain the reasons which had induced the

Government to frame and introduce the Bill.

If the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai had spoken after

the Governor instead of before him he would

have taken a very different tone.

It appeared from the Governor's ex-

planation that the Government want the

land in the New Territory registered, but

the people do not come in freely to re-

gister. The Government wanted to ex-

plain to the Chinese farmers why their

land should be registered and the advan-

tages of registration and as the only way

to get the information to the people the elders

were summoned to attend the Registrar

General and listen to his disquisitions on

the subject. They would not come. The people

would not come in and register. The law is

not a law to compel them to register under

penalty. They have not been asked for in-

formation and therefore have not refused to

give it. They were invited in to have in-

formation given to them; not to furnish it,

and their refusal to listen to the classical

Chinese of the Registrar General is to be

punished by his being invested with the

most extensive inquisitorial powers ever

conferred on any individual and not

possessed by the Supreme Court. In view

of the approaching appointment of a

special Land Court for the New Territory—

an extremely crude and ill-considered measure

at the best—and in view of the statements of

His Excellency yesterday on the subject, this

Bill ought to be opposed tooth and nail by

every lover of justice and fair play. It will

assuredly be used by the Government in aid

of their proceedings in the Land Court and

to enable them to obtain a discovery of

titles and documents which no Court would

give them without ordinary safeguards, which

any properly constituted Court would afford.

The Council spent the last hour of the sitting

over the Arms Bill. Mr. BELLIOS moved

that Council be heard against the Bill, on

behalf of the dealers in arms doing business

in the Colony and Dr. Ho Kai seconded the

motion, which was carried. The worthy

Doctor confined himself to his duty as

second, saying nothing about the Bill on

its merits. Mr. BELLIOS entreated the Gov-

of the world a much pleasanter place than it will otherwise prove to be. Above all you should remember that this world is but the preparation for the life that comes hereafter.

Dr. Bateson Wright called for three cheers for Mrs. Titcher and proposed that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Goodman and Sergeant Wilton, which was accorded.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney-General, in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873 said:—Honourable members will see the object of clause 2 of this Bill is to include, in the definition of dangerous goods, certain goods which are not specified in section 5 of Ordinance 8 of 1873, which it seems desirable to treat as dangerous goods. Since this Bill has been before the Council certain suggestions have been made by the Chamber of Commerce with reference to the definition of dangerous goods contained in this Bill, and in consequence of these suggestions I propose to move certain amendments to clause 2 of this Bill in Committee. Those amendments have been circulated to honourable members, and I think they will meet with the views of the Chamber of Commerce. With regard to clause 3 of the Bill the object of that clause is to except lubricating oils and high test petroleum tar or petroleum fuel from the operation of sections 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16 of Ordinance 8 of 1873, and from the operation of any bye-laws, etc., relating to the movement or storage of dangerous goods which have been heretofore made, and from any bye-law relating to dangerous goods which may hereafter be made, unless such special classes of goods are expressly mentioned in such bye-laws, etc. By that means such special classes of dangerous goods will be exempted from the severe tests which have been hitherto applicable to them in common with all other dangerous goods. At the same time, however, it appears desirable, looking to dangers which might arise from the mixing of low flash oil with the high test oil, to retain the power of making bye-laws for the movement and conditions for the storage of such special classes of goods instead of exempting them altogether from all the liabilities attaching to dangerous goods. As honourable members will see from the amendments which have been circulated, I shall have a few verbal amendments to suggest to clause 3 of the Bill in committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and the following amendments on the motion of the Acting Attorney-General were adopted.

In the seventh line of clause 2 of the Bill, the words "other than safety fuzes" be inserted after the word "fuzes."

In the ninth line of clause 2 of the Bill, the words "other than percussion caps of priming caps or empty sporting cases" be inserted after the words "ammunition of all descriptions."

In the fourteenth line of clause 3 of the Bill, the words "Ordinance 8 of 1873 or Ordinance 8 of 1892" be substituted in place of the words "any Ordinance."

That a new clause be added to the Bill, to be numbered clause 4, and that such new clause run as follows:—"The provisions of section 11 of Ordinance 8 of 1873 shall not apply to any goods the storage of which is provided for by any other Ordinance."

The Acting Attorney-General.—The object of the new clause is to make the provisions of which is specially provided for by other Ordinances. I may mention that in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance there is a special provision made for the storage of goods which would come under the term dangerous goods, and I do not propose by this Bill to interfere with these special provisions, and that is the reason why I propose that clause 4 be included in the Bill.

The Bill as amended was passed through committee and the Council resumed.

SUMMONING OF CHINESE BEFORE THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

The Acting Attorney-General.—I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar-General. This Bill is for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar-General to give information regarding any matter in which the Registrar-General is directed by the Governor to enquire. The reason for this Bill is that it is necessary that the Registrar-General should have power to summon before him any Chinese who he deems to question upon any matter of importance connected with the New Territories affecting the Chinese. At present there is no power for the Registrar-General to compel the appearance before him of Chinese, and it is very desirable that he should have such power. I may mention, Sir, that this Bill is framed upon similar lines to certain laws which are in operation in the Malay States. I understand from the Registrar-General that it is necessary that he should have this power to summon Chinese before him, and that it would very much facilitate the government of the New Territories if such a measure as this is passed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.—I do not intend to offer a strong opposition to the second reading of the Bill, but at the same time, Sir, I would wish to remind the Council that a Bill of this nature confers a very great power upon an official of the Government—a power which, in some respects, is not possessed even by His Excellency the Governor or by the Chief Justice. As the Bill, we have before us, contains certain provisions expressly affecting the Chinese and the Chinese alone, whether a British subject or otherwise—and this makes the Bill very much more objectionable—it may be considered as class legislation, and as a general rule the Legislature regard such legislation with a great deal of care and suspicion. In the present instance, I must say that in dealing with the affairs of the New Territory, it may be necessary for the Registrar-General to possess such power in order effectively to carry out his functions; and for that reason I and my honourable colleagues who represent with me the Chinese have thought it wise not to offer any strong opposition. Of course we are quite prepared to sacrifice a good deal of liberty with the object of helping the Government to carry out their policy for the good of the Chinese inhabitants of the New Territory; but at the same time I would ask Your Excellency to give instructions that if this Ordinance be passed that strict and discretionary powers be exercised. Otherwise the Chinese will suffer a great deal, and in the case of any abuse of power I hope Your Excellency will give instructions that speedy redress shall be given. On a former occasion when a law was passed for the inspection of houses, the Governor at the time (Sir William Robinson) gave the Council his word that such powers would be exercised with a great deal of tact and discretion; and that in the case of any abuse of such power he would at once direct a strict enquiry, with the Council also consenting to take a measure of this kind should be allowed to continue for a very long time. I think it will meet the circumstances of the case if this Ordinance is allowed to be in operation

for 12 months or a definite period, and at the end of that period it may be renewed from year to year if considered necessary. Of course the New Territory in its present condition requires special legislation, but by and by it has become advanced and enlightened and prosperous like Hongkong I see no reason why it should not be brought under the same laws as Hongkong. We have at present measures which are renewed every year, and in this case in committee I shall move that a clause be inserted limiting the operation of the measure to 12 months at the end of which time it may be renewed if necessary.

The Hon. Wei A. Yuk supported the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai in the views he had expressed. His Excellency the Governor.—I think the observations of the honourable members who have just spoken are very much to the point, and I think it is only right that not alone the Council but that the Chinese people in the New Territory should have some idea why this Bill is introduced by the Government at the present time. The condition of the New Territory is peculiar. The Chinese do not understand our ways, and we desire—I desire, most heartily—to interfere with the Chinese and their customs as little as possible, but it is absolutely necessary that the land in the New Territory should be registered. Of course all members of the Council know that in the interests of the Chinese themselves it is necessary that land should be registered. It is necessary that land should be registered. However, more than one occasion when these Chinese elders had been invited to come in they gave no attention whatever to the invitation. Such conduct under Chinese jurisdiction—refusing when invited by a high official to come in and assist him and give him information—would not have been tolerated for an instant. We do not propose to take the stringent measures which would have been taken had the people remained under Chinese jurisdiction, but we do wish to compel their attendance and to inflict a small fine on those who disobey the summons. As to the observations of the honourable gentleman with reference to the supervision, so to speak, of the exercise of this power, the honourable member will see from the second clause that "The Governor may at any time direct the Registrar-General to enquire into and report as to any matter which is connected with the New Territories as defined by section 2 of Ordinance No. 12 of 1899, if such matter exclusively concerns persons of Chinese race, whether British subjects or otherwise." The Registrar-General will only summon Chinese to come before him in certain cases into which he is directed by the Governor to enquire. Therefore, in no case can there be any action whatever without the direction of the Governor, and I think the honourable member will accept my assurance that the Ordinance will be carried out with every consideration for the Chinese and with every anxiety on the part of the Government that we shall never be forced to bring the provisions of the Ordinance into operation at all. I think that when it is known that we have power to compel the attendance of these people, who do not up to the present appear anxious to come forward the Chinese will yield gracefully to the necessity and come in when invited without our having to resort to this power. With reference to the suggestion of the honourable member that this Bill should have a "duration clause," I think it is a very fair suggestion. I shall have no objection whatever to it. I hope that in a short time the necessity for any such Ordinance will disappear.

The Council then went into committee. On the suggestion of the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, seconded by the Hon. Wei A. Yuk, the following clause was added to the Bill:—"This Ordinance shall continue in operation for a period of two years from the coming into operation of this Ordinance, and for such further period or periods as may from time to time be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council." The Bill passed through committee and the Council resumed.

THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION BILL.

The Acting Attorney-General.—I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the carriage and possession of arms and ammunition. The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. E. R. Bellios.—A petition has been presented to Your Excellency by firms dealing in arms in this colony praying that they be heard by counsel in opposition to the passing of this Bill. In moving that the prayer be granted, I beg Your Excellency's permission to make a few remarks. A petition has been presented to Your Excellency by firms dealing in arms in this colony praying that they be heard by counsel in opposition to the passing of this Bill. It is so absurdly strict in its provisions that no postponement of its consideration, no amendment of its clauses in committee, can possibly improve it. I maintain, Sir, that the law now in force is already stringent enough for our purposes, and to proceed to make it still more stringent will, I am afraid, undermine the freedom of this port, the freedom upon which our prosperity mainly depends. We will be arguing to ourselves powers we do not possess, inasmuch as such legislation will be based on the assumption that Hongkong is the only entrepot in China, the only gateway through which arms and ammunition could be introduced into the vast Empire on whose fringe we stand. Because robberies and piracies are committed on the West River, miles away from this small island, we are asked to remodel our old law and thus seriously jeopardize an important branch of the trade of this colony. It is tantamount to a restriction on our import trade because a few people commit suicide by eating the drug. A tendency or inclination seems recently to have developed in this Council to ferret out old laws and remodel them regardless of what the consequences may be to the interests of this colony. We seem to be elated with our surpluses and appear to think that whatever strain the progress of the colony may be subjected to our prosperity will continue uninterrupted. We must remember that there is always the proverbial last straw and that a calm generally follows a storm. If by these enactments we were to adversely affect the growth of the colony and a retrograde movement were once started, it would be difficult to retrace our steps and to undo the mischief effected. It will be remembered a few weeks ago when the Bill providing for the closing of disorderly houses was before the Council in committee, I called your Excellency's attention to the enormous powers we were delegating to two honourable members, what youthful members of this Council. My advice was then unheeded. I was under the impression when passing the Bill that only disorderly houses were to be closed, but now we hear that edicts have gone forth to close indiscriminately scores of houses of ill-fame without any fault being found with them.

His Excellency the Governor.—Is not the honourable member travelling outside the subject under discussion? The Hon. E. R. Bellios.—No, Sir, I am coming to the point. The consequence is sheer loss to a great number of the poor inhabitants of this

city. Before the Bill was introduced, owing to the enhanced rent introduced in the centre of the town, families of immigrants found cheap residences in the suburbs to the east and west of us, but now, owing to the complete exodus of those women to these quarters, the houses of the poor families, who will now be compelled to stint or starve themselves to pay these exorbitant rents. Notwithstanding this movement, rents in the central districts will be upheld by Chinese landlords, who are principally the proprietors or lessees of the houses, which are being vacated. For this reason I submit, it will be advisable to let well alone and desist from making any enactments of the kind now proposed. I feel therefore compelled to sound a note of warning and beg to deprecate meddling with the present laws of the colony.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.—I beg to second the suggestion of the honourable member who has sat down that counsel be heard on behalf of the arms dealers who have presented the petition to this Council, in accordance with section 53 of the Standing Rule and Orders.

The motion was carried. Mr. Francis then spoke at some length on the injury which such a Bill would do to the trade in arms which is carried on in this Colony, pointing out very forcibly that the fact of a few individuals making a misuse of the privileges of trade did not in any way make it a reasonable or just action on the part of the government to inflict stringent restrictions on all respectable tradesmen and dealers in this Colony, and to do so would be to do really no good as far as the protection of trade was concerned but would simply drive trade to Macao and other parts of China where no such stringent regulations were imposed.

The second reading of the Bill was afterwards carried.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE. The Acting Attorney-General.—I now propose the third reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Merchant Shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the Colony and the regulation of vessels navigating the same.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday next.

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council meeting, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

The Chairman said:—I have one minute only to bring before the committee, and that is one in which the Governor recommends the Council to make a sum of \$350 in aid of the vote "Maintenance of Roads." The Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department says that an expense of \$73.32 has been incurred in sending materials to England in connection with the Malaria Commission. He has been making enquiries in connection with the mosquitoes; which are supposed to be connected with the spread of malaria, and he has incurred this expense on that account, and also a sum of \$176.67, which is the cost of making a kitchen garden at Government House.

Carried.

This was all the business.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

This morning at the Magistracy, before Mr. Gompertz, Cheung Tsun was charged with being in possession of 5 muskets, 5 cannons and 2 spears without having a licence from His Excellency the Governor. He was sentenced to pay \$100 fine or to go to prison for three months; he chose the latter alternative.

Mr. John Coyle was riding on his bicycle along the Queen's Road, recently, and when passing the Hongkong Hotel a coolie with a ricksha rushed across the road in front of the cyclist with the consequence that they collided and damage, estimated at \$30, was done to the bicycle. Mr. Coyle obtained a summons against the coolie and, it being proved to-day that he was to blame, Mr. Gompertz awarded \$30 to Mr. Coyle.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG RUGBY F.C. v. OFFICERS OF H.M.S. "BARFLEUR."

This match was played on the Club ground, at the Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. Admiral Fitzgerald was present and was most enthusiastic about the play of his officers. A fairly large crowd witnessed the game. The Navy defended the Pavilion end, kicking off with a long kick down the field. From the outset, the Barfleurs pressed the Club and made matters very lively for them for some time. Morrell working like a Trojan, ably seconded by Rutherford relieved the pressure by some good dribbling and a long kick up the field. With short passes, Sir to Sir, the Barfleurs worked the ball back and forth, and the hard scrums on the Club goal line, Gibbs got the ball, passing to his three quarters, who in turn passed to Thompson, who made a splendid break through the Club, touching down just over the line. Dix took the kick but failed to convert, owing to the angle. Everything was in the Barfleurs' favour for the whole of the first half, the two half backs doing good work behind the scrum. Crozier at three quarters was playing well and from a lot of severe scrumming the Club's attack got the ball and touched down, right between the goal posts. This was a beautiful run and was much applauded. This was converted. The Club's chances were pretty dim, when just before half time, from splendid passing, Crozier got the ball and made a dash through, touching down by the goal post. This was not converted, the ball bounding off the upright. The whistle blew after the kick with the score—

H.M.S. Barfleurs 11 pts. to H.F.C. Nil.

On returning to the Club, the Barfleurs and all the play was in the Barfleurs' quarters. The Club forwards worked hard, but were badly backed by their three-quarters, except Hancock, who was always on the spot. The Barfleurs seemed to be fagged out, but gamely held their own for some considerable time. Gibbs was doing grand work as also was Crozier. The play was backwards and forwards across the centre line for some time, neither side gaining. In the scrums all the best play took place. Lieut. Vyvyan got away again but, when it came to pass, no one was behind him. Slowly but surely the Club worked their way down into the Barfleurs' 25 and from some good passing Hancock made a fine run, touching down behind the sticks. He afterwards converted it. The Barfleurs buckled up for a bit and took the play into the Club 25, but the Club gained foot by foot and again Hancock went away with the ball, touching down a second time. This was not converted and the whistle blew at the close of a very interesting game with the scores—

H.M.S. Barfleurs (a tie) 1 goal 1 pts. to H.F.C. (a goal) 1 pt. 8 pts.

For the Barfleurs, Crozier, the half back did splendidly. The three-quarters passed well and also seemed to be there to feed Crozier. In the scrum Dix, Camabe and one, who we heard called by the affectionate name of "Paddy," were conspicuous all through. The Club did not have a very good team. Owen, as half, was playing well all through. Morrell in the scrum played a great game. Vyvyan and Rutherford also did well. Hancock

was the best of the back division. He certainly plays a better three-quarter game at Rugby than half back game at "Socker."

The teams lined up as follows:—

H.M.S. "BARFLEUR."
Backs.
Hodder, Hodder, Thompson, Longhurst.
Three-quarter backs.
Wilson, Gibbs.
Half-backs.
Titcher, Dr. Williams, Johnson, Bowden, Smith, Batcher, Tetherick, Camabe.
Forwards.
Thompson, Stockwell, Morrell, D. Stockwell, Bruce, Beattie, C. Vyvyan, Rutherford, Halfbacks.
Jarratt, Owens.
Three-quarter backs.
H. Green, Bruton, A. Green, A. Beattie.
Back.
Johnston.
H. K. F. C.
Referee—A. N. Other.

MUD-FLAT NORTH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENSIN, December 12th. I fear my wire about Li Hung-chang's appointment was anticipated from Peking via Shanghai. There is not much significance in the appointment beyond his virtual retirement from power. Age presses heavily on the old man, and he is not equal to the more lusty wiles of Jung Lu and Prince Ching and has been gradually ousted even from his post of Secret Advisor at the Dowager's Elbow. His commercial investigations from a naive to cover a graceful exit from the official arena, and also to spin out indefinitely the tariff negotiations. But it is to be hoped that the matter will be properly represented at home and that no procrastination in this matter will be tolerated. The moment, in spite of, or rather because of the war is opportune to enforce radical and thorough reform and accomplish the abolition of Iekin and like abuses. It can be done and done promptly if firmness and decision are resorted to. Sir Claude has a grand opportunity to show his hand and it is hoped he will not fail to avail himself of it.

The guard for the winter has arrived and there seems some likelihood of their being required for once. The secret societies known as the Boxers and Big Sword Society are both strong and turbulent in Shantung, and news reaches me to-day that in the south of this province they are creeping northward, and demonstrating an intention to be troublesome. There are a hundred or more now at Chin-chow in Ho-chien-fu district, and the prefect has just arrived here to report the matter to the Viceroy and ask for soldiers to be sent. The district they occupy is a very active Catholic centre, and as such will be specially singled out for disturbance. The troubles in Shantung have been growing to serious proportions owing to the Governor being a fanatic who was one of the original founders of the Big Sword Society and consequently has no control over them. He has, however, been superseded and Gen. Yuan has himself just sent in a memorial to the Throne in which he boldly uses the forbidden terms Ying Yi, English savage, Fa Yi, French Yü Yi, German savage and Jih Yi, Japanese savage, and one cannot feel any great confidence that a man whose attitude is thereby indicated, will prove a very valiant defender of foreign interests. With China we are still undoubtedly merely the western barbarians of benighted isles and so long as she regards us it is folly, and worse than folly to dally with her using the slender foils of European diplomacy in lieu of the bludgeon of forcible conviction. A letter reaches me while writing which thus refers to the state of affairs in Shantung:—"Word comes to-day that the Hsia Chin-chin official has been visited by several hundred Boxers who asked him for a flag with their Motto, Hsing Ching Mich tang," up with the Ching (dynasty) and down with the Foreigner. "He asked them how they were going to carry out their programme and they answered by giving him a performance showing how they were able to stab themselves without injury, in fine that they were quite immortal. It appears however, that the remnants of mortals still survive among them as this same official is said, though he did not bestow a flag, to have sent to their temple some 200 cattles of bread and 70 strings of cash." These society men claim to be immortal, but numbers of them have nevertheless been killed, and one of their leaders is supposed to have been arrested. They recently declared their intention to drive all the Germans out of Shantung, and after that march northwards to Tientsin and drive all the foreigners into the sea.

An appeal to Tientsin residents on behalf of the soldiers and sailors of the Queen is now being circulated here and in twenty-four hours some nine hundred dollars were raised and it is anticipated that Tientsin may contribute nearly \$5,000. Socially the past week has been a busy one, the whole community more or less being concerned in a Bazaar for a new church here. It came off on Saturday, a good entertainment being provided in the evening, in which some excellent tableaux were the principal feature, the light effects and general perfection of their arrangement causing considerable surprise to those of our new comers, not familiar with Tientsin's resources in the artistic and dramatic line. Nothing seems to be doing just now in connection with the Su Han railway. The work of construction is presumably going steadily on, but it lies rather out of the track of both Tientsin and Peking and we hear little about the Belgian movement.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER.
Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer 30.181
Thermometer 62.4
Humidity 64
Rainfall 0.985

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.
On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.11 30.07
Temperature 69 67
Humidity 75 81
Rainfall — —

TO-DAY.

Friday, 22nd December, 1899.
Chinese—21th of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 38min.
Sets 5hr. 19min.
High water—Morning 1hr. 31min.
Afternoon 1hr. 44min.
Low water—Morning 6hr. 23min.
Afternoon 5hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1805—Lord Beaconsfield born.
1830—Two Mandarins arrived at Macao with secret orders to watch the movements of Pienpo (Peking) Elliot.

1864—Capture of Savannah by General Sherman.

1879—British victory near Kabul.

1890—Return of Governor Sir William Des Voeux to Hongkong.

1897—The German cruiser *Savannah* arrived in Hongkong from Europe.

TO-MORROW.
Saturday, 23rd December, 1899.
Chinese—21th of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 38min.
Sets 5hr. 19min.
Moon—in Apogee 7hr. a.m.
High water—Afternoon 1hr. 44min.
Low water—Morning 6hr. 23min.
Afternoon 5hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1864—Prince Consort buried.
1870—British Consulate at Shanghai destroyed by fire.
1874—Lord Romilly died.

AGENDA.

Football—Shield Cup, Hongkong Engineers v. "F" Co. R.W.F.
Cargo ex *Yindaba* subject to rent.
9 p.m.—Dance, given by the Hongkong Engineers and Ship Builders Institute, at the City Hall.

TO-MORROW.
Public Holiday.
Noon.—P. & O. steamer *Comandante*, with mails, leaves for England.
Noon.—"Ben" line steamer *Banaria* leaves for London.
2.30 p.m.—Auction Sales of toys at P. Brewitt's Sales Rooms, Zetland St.
N. P. R. steamer *Monmouthshire* leaves for Portland, Oregon.
O. & O. steamer *Doric* leaves for San Francisco.
Football—Shield Cup "G" Co. R.W.F. v. Y.R.C.
5 for 5.30 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Eothen Mark Lodge.
9 p.m.—A.D.C. performance of "Mother-in-law" at City Hall.

SUNDAY 24th.
N. L. H. A. steamer *Amelia* leaves for Havre Hamburg.

MONDAY, 25th.
Christmas Day.

TUESDAY, 26th.
Boxing Day.
G. N. Co.'s steamer *Shant* leaves for Samarang and Sourabaya.

WEDNESDAY, 27th.
Noon.—Navigation Generali Italian's steamer *Bonifida* for Venice and Trieste.
Imperial German Mail Line steamer *Prinz Heinrich* for Hamburg.
Shevan, Tomes and Co.'s steamer *Atania* leaves for New York (about).
5.30 for 6 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Zealand Lodge.

H.K.V.C. ORDERS.
6 p.m.—"E" Coy Company Drill at Headquarters.
3 p.m. Auction sale, Kowloon Island Lot 496 at Mong-Kok-Tsui, at P.W.D. office.

THURSDAY, 28th.
P. & O. steamer *Socotra* leaves for London (about).

FRIDAY, 29th.
4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Futami Maru* leaves for Sydney and Melbourne.
4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Asa Maru* leaves for Marseilles London and Antwerp.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
English (*Manilla*) to-morrow.
Indian (*Kumang*) to-morrow.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 24th inst.
Australian (*Eastern*) 25th inst.
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 26th inst.
German (*Karlruhe*) 26th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 27th inst.
Australian (*Tintin*) 31st inst.
American (*Ontano*) and prox.
American (*Coptic*) 10th prox.

The steamship *Nippon Maru* with mails &c. left Shanghai for this port to-day at 1 p.m.

The Silk ex N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Enerfia* arrived in New York on the 16th inst.

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Dublin* has arrived at Yokohama and will sail for Hongkong to-day.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Mendous* left Singapore yesterday morning 21st inst. and is due Hongkong on 26th inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Futami Maru* (Australia Line) left Kobe, via Moji and Nagasaki for this port on the 19th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 26th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 10 a.m. on Friday, the 22nd inst. and leaves at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 5 a.m. on Sunday the 24th December.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Isle de Cuba to Kowloon Dock.
Halting " "
Isle de Luzon " "
Sintra " "
S. C. M. S. Hertha " "
Reliance " "
China " "
Kanyang " "
Clara " "
Triumph " "
Poulin " "
D. Juan d'Avila Cosmopolitan
Menmut " "

ARRIVALS.

LION, French gunboat, 470, Amet, 21st Dec., Kwang-chow-wan 20th Dec.
HOIHAO, French steamer, 509, J. C. Gerard, 21st Dec., Pakhoi 19th Dec., General—A. R. Marty.
HANOI, French steamer, 750, Pannier, 21st Dec., Haiphong 18th Dec., and Hoihow 20th, Rice—A. R. Marty.
HAILEONG, British steamer, 783, A. J. Robson, 22nd Dec., Swatow 21st Dec., General—Douglas, Laprak & Co.
KINGING, British steamer, 1,233, Young, 22nd Dec., Canton 21st Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HSINCHI, Chinese steamer, 1,063, Patterson, 22nd Dec., Shanghai 19th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
TATEMARI, Japanese steamer, 1,668, M. Tameo, 22nd Dec., Moji 17th Dec., Coal—Jeffries.
KASHING, British steamer, 1,188, F. Hopkins, 22nd Dec., Chefoo 16th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 22, *Haiting*, French str., for Haiphong.
Dec. 22, *Haiting*, British str., for Swatow.
Dec. 22, *Takao Maru*, Jap. str., for Yokohama.
Dec. 22, *Hikang*, British str., for Bangkok.
Dec. 22, *Elke*, German str., for Bangkok.
Dec. 22, *Taiyang*, Chinese str., for Saigon.
Dec. 22, *Nanyang*, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 22, *Siam*, Danish str., for Tientsin.
Dec. 22, *Kingsing*, British str., for Swatow.
Dec. 22, *Lyemooon*, German str., for Canton.
Dec. 22, *Kashing*, British str., for Canton.

Passengers—Arrived.

Per *Haiting*, from Swatow—18 Chinese.

Departed.

Per *Legat*, for Manila: Mrs. Moran, Miss Helen Moran, Miss Ann Marie Doreto, Messrs. F. Diaz, A. Romero, José Roby, E. Jorder, Juan Calvo, S. P. Calvo, L. F. Cantano, J. A. Rosel, J. Bantista, Antonio Gando, and Lieut. Murphy.

To Depart.

Per *Comandante*, from Shanghai for London—Mr. and Mrs. W. McDonald, for Marseilles—Mr. A. P. Dunstan, for Singapore—Mr. P. F. Wickham, from Hongkong for London—Mr. D. P. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Perkins, Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Messrs. L. F. Ireland, Douglas Marriott, S. F. Hulton, Mrs. Collier, and Miss Halstead. For Plymouth—Messrs. George Fisher, Fred. Dailley, Alfred Alexander, and J. Walls. For Marseilles—Mr. L. E. Mason, Miss Mason, Messrs. L. Dahl, A. Paulsen, A. J. Pierce, L. Dero, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Vanuxem, Misses Vanuxem (2), and Mr. L. C. Vanuxem. For Brindisi—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coleman, Miss Coleman, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. F. E. Wells, Miss C. Playter, Mrs. D. Thorne, Mrs. Scott, Messrs. Raymond-Miller and E. L. McCaughan. For Ismailia—Mr. W. A. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. E. Le Pelley, and Mrs. M. Kunkell, and Dr. Geo. A. Caldwell. For Calcutta—Capt. James Willschut, Mr. and Mrs. Rohman, Col. and Mrs. Edge, Misses Shaw, Eckfeldt, McKinnon, Haynes, and Mr. Geo. Vickers. For Colombo Major S. S. Long. For

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Officers, N.C. Os. & men, No. 2 Co.	46
H.K. & S. Bn. R.A.	46
Officers, N.C. Os. & men, No. 3 Co.	46.20
H.K. & S. Bn. R.A.	46.20
Officers, N.C. Os. & men, No. 4 Co.	25
H.K. & S. Bn. R.A.	46.36
British Officers, Hong Kong Regiment	120
Native Officers, Non-com. Officers & men Hong Kong Regiment	300
	\$71,633.22

CALENDARS, &c., RECEIVED.

From the Oceania Lithograph we have received a neat calendar for 1900 which, as a specimen of the work of this establishment will come as a surprise to many, as it is only during the last few months that lithography has been practised in Hongkong.

Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co. send us a tastefully got up date block for 1900 and from the fact of its being printed in German it will be found most useful for our readers of that nationality.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 21st instant 1,479
Do. do. during past 24 hours 1
Total 1,480

Deaths reported to 21st instant 1,421
Do. do. during past 24 hours 1
Total 1,422

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain A. J. Robson, of the steamship *Hullington*, from Swatow, reports—Moderate easterly wind and sea, fine cloudy weather. Steamers in Swatow—*Lohsang*, *Esang* and *Kuelling*.

THE "BONAVENTURE" AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The officers and men of the *Bonaventure*, now at Shanghai, have been doing good work for the Widows and Orphans Fund, having, by means of a minstrel and variety show, swelled the Shanghai contribution by no less than \$1,500 which amount was realized by the sale of tickets. The Shanghai public wished to have the show repeated, but, unfortunately, this could not be arranged. The following account is taken from the *China Gazette*:—
The minstrel and variety entertainment given by the officers and men of H.M.S. *Bonaventure* in aid of the Patriotic Fund at the Lyceum last night was without question one of the best of its kind ever produced in Shanghai. The house, it is hardly necessary to say, was filled to overflowing, every available space being taken up by interested spectators, and the applause throughout the evening was unstinted and well deserved. With a punctuality that is not often followed in Shanghai, the curtain rose, disclosing the black-clothed minstrel in his usual shows, but on this occasion there was a pyramid of seamen in summer uniform, who acted as background and added to the effect as well as to the strength of the various choruses. Opening with a rousing chorus, which served to put the audience in touch with the performers, song after song was most vociferously applauded, the gallery gods being heard to much advantage in this. The singing was excellent, while the quips and jokes handed about between Master Johnson, Jones and Tomboine helped to fill the gaps between the songs. After an interval of fifteen minutes, the *Bonaventure* came forward in a tramp, and with his collapsible bicycle in a bawling slung across his shoulders, made his appearance. After some ludicrous clowning to carry out the character he had assumed, Lieut. Lees commenced his performance, and "we do not think we are saying too much when we assert that some tricks which were considered well-nigh impossible on a bicycle were performed by him with consummate ease. As this performance has been fully described—with illustrations in *Harris's Weekly* Magazine, we will not attempt to particularize. Suffice it for us to remark that riding with his back to the handle bars and pedalling forward; lying prone on the seat and pedalling with his hands; and standing upright on the saddle and balancing were not the most difficult of his achievements. The difficulty of the feats will appeal to cyclists and open out to them a vista for practice which will no doubt be locally availed of. The remainder of the programme consisted of songs, in character, and dances which kept the house in good humour, the efforts of the various performers to carry them out being extremely good. A wide extravaganza entitled, "The Slaughter-House Brigade" elicited roars of laughter, the performance closing with a grand tableau of Britannia, supported by her hearts of oak and Tommy Atkins, accompanied by the singing of "Rule Britannia," and "God save the Queen," in which the whole house joined. A special word of praise is due to the accompanying Marine, who carried out his work excellently. The programme was neat, being in the form of the Naval ensign.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1899. [1213a]

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1538a]

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Captain Bartlett, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 24th instant.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [1466a]

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1899. [3]

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